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On the morning of December 4, 1969, following our officer's search of the Black Panther apartment, I reported that our men had been attacked by gunfire and that two occupants had been killed.

Nothing was said publicly by any of the Black Panther occupants of that apartment.

However, at noon on December 4th, Bobby Rush and another spokesman for the Black Panthers -- who were not present at the occurrence and who had not talked with the occupants -- lied about the conduct of our officers and accused them of murdering Fred Hampton and Mark Clark. Despite Rush's obvious ignorance of the true facts, his charges were so sensational as to be "news" and his victims, the police, were expected to remain silent until the case came to court. Accordingly, the charges by Rush and other Black Panther spokesmen were promptly broadcast - without any attempt at verification of them.

No Black Panther occupant of that apartment made any statement regarding the facts.

Later on December 4 and repeatedly over the following days, Rush, other spokesmen for the Black Panthers and third persons made similar outrageous, false charges against our police officers. These charges were widely broadcast over radio and television and published in many newspapers -- even though the accusers themselves had no first hand knowledge of the facts.

Accordingly, to demonstrate their integrity and to prove their truthfulness, our officers did the extraordinary: they gave a full, public statement of what occurred in the apartment on December 4th.

Still no Black Panther occupants of the apartment made any statement of the facts.

Next, our officers again did the extraordinary and re-enacted on television what occurred in the Black Panther apartment.

Still no Black Panther occupant of the apartment made any statement of the facts. However, their spokesmen and adherents continued their false accusations. Some persons called for independent investigations and for action to be taken against me and our officers.

Then our officers again did the extraordinary by offering to take lie detector tests if the Black Panther occupants would do the same.

The Black Panthers refused and still made no statement of the facts.

Then the Department of Justice announced it would have the F.B.I. make a preliminary investigation to determine if the Black Panther occupants' civil rights had been violated.

Our officers readily agreed to be interviewed by the F.B.I. Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard personally told me that the Black Panthers refused to be interviewed -- even though their spokesmen had charged a violation of their rights!

Now the Department of Justice proposes to abandon its preliminary investigation and to seek Black Panther cooperation through a federal grand jury.

The truth is our business so we welcome any investigation by a

We believe it is outrageous the Black Panthers have frustrated the F.B.I. investigation by their refusal to tell them the facts.

We believe it is outrageous that the Black Panthers have now forced the Department of Justice to abandon its established practice and to try a new means of getting them to tell the facts.